





## CAPTAIN SUMMITS DECEMBER 2016 & JANUARY 2017



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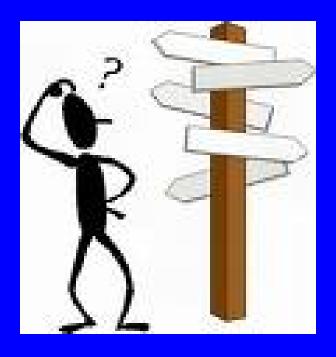
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# How many results do you think you would get if you did a Google search for:

## "AUTISM TREATMENT"?





https://www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=



#### AUTISM TREATMENT





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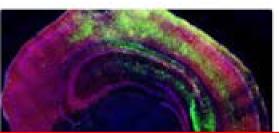
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# Results 47,200,000 for "AUTISM TREATMENT"!!!!! (January 26, 2017)

autism, researchers claim

Fox News · 1 day ago

Columbus Dispatch · 2 days ago

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Spectrum · 15 hours ago



More for autism treatment

## **Education Update**



## **Number of Students with ASD Increasing**

## CA Department of Special Education Special Education Enrollment by Age & Disability

December 2009-2010 Reporting Cycle=59,592

December 2010-2011 Reporting Cycle=65,815

December 2011-2012 Reporting Cycle=71,702

December 2012-2013 Reporting Cycle=78,624

December 2013-14 Reporting Cycle=84,713

December 2014-2015 Reporting Cycle: 90,794



[13.2% of Special Education Students in CA]



Source: www.cde.ca.gov/ds



California Department of Education Special Education Division Reporting Cycle: December 1, 2015 Prepared: 8/8/2016 10:51:46 PM

### Special Education Enrollment by Age and Disability Statewide Report

Age	Intellectual Disability (MR)	Hard of Hearing	Deaf (DEAF)	Speech or Language Impairment (SLI)	Visual Imapairment (VI)	Emotional Disturbance (ED)	Orthopedic Impairment (OI)	Other Health Impairment (OHI)	Specific Learning Disability (SLD)	Deaf- Blindness (DB)	Multiple Disability (MD)	Autism (AUT)	Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)	Total
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13				3,476	262	2,114	664	7,356	28,626		350	5,874		
14				2,335	249	2,467	692	7,206	28,299		330	5,520		
15			214	1,803	266	2,937	739	7,245	28,735		300	5,120		
16	2,784	561	217	1,479	255	3,326	714	7,014	27,746		346	4,615	158	
17	2,863	563	241	1,286	253	3,366	732	6,391	27,303		339	4,350	197	
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19	2,181	56	66	78	49	426	380	560	2,137		261	1,334	62	
20	1,949	37	43	32	55	161	374	284	719		284	1,153	55	
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\* Denotes values under 11

Autism=

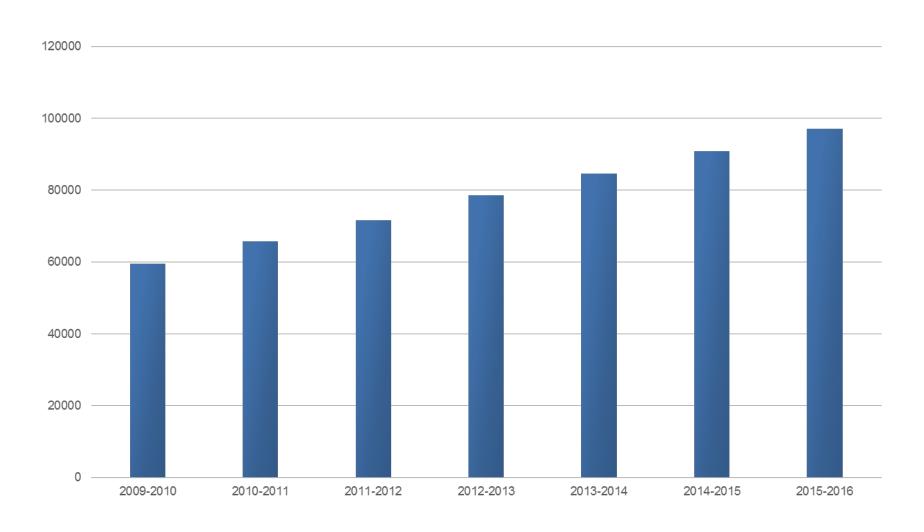
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Source:http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/

### Prevalence of ASD in CA Schools

(Number of students receiving Special Education Services)



### What's New from NPDC?





### **AFIRM**

## <u>Autism Focused Intervention Resources and Modules http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/npdc-resources</u>

afirm.fpq.unc.edu/afirm-modules



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**AFIRM Modules** 

Learn with AFIRM

Selecting EBPs

Resources

#### **Prompting**

Use prompting to reduce incorrect responding as learners with ASD acquire new skills.

**Learn more about Prompting** 





**New EBP Learning Modules!** 

AFIRM Modules are designed to help you learn the step-by-step process of planning for, using, and monitoring an EBP with learners with ASD from birth to 22 years of age. Supplemental materials and handouts are available for download.

Visit the Learn with AFIRM section to find out more.

Available EBP Modules

### **AFIRM**

### Autism Focused Intervention Resources and Modules

#### Each AFIRM module provides:



Key components of an EBP including the various approaches that can be used with learners with ASD



Behaviors and skills that can be addressed using the practice



A step-by-step process for applying the practice



Specific resources that you can download and customize for your own use



An option to earn a free certificate for professional development

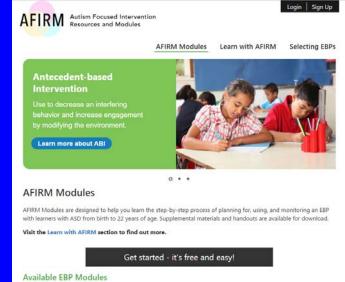
Visit Learn with AFIRM to find out more.

www.captain.ca.gov http://afirm.fpg.unc.edu/afirm-modules

### **AFIRM Modules**

### [15 of 27 EBPs Available as of 01/26/17

- 1. ABI Antecedent-based Intervention
- 2. DTT Discrete Trial Training
- 3. ECE Exercise
- 4. FBA Functional Behavior Analysis
- 5. MD Modeling
- 6. PMII Peer-Mediated Instruction and Intervention
- 7. PECS Picture Exchange Communication System
- 8. PP Prompting
- 9. R+ Reinforcement
- 10. SM Self-management
- 11. SN Social Narratives
- 12. SST Social Skills Training
- 13. TA Task Analysis
- 14. TD Time Delay
- 15. VS Visual Supports



**Upcoming:** 

**SC Scripting** 

SM Structured Play VM Video Modeling

# New AFIRM Learning Module! How to Select an EBP http://afirm.fpg.unc.edu/selecting-ebp



Login | Sign Up

AFIRM Modules

Learn with AFIRM

Selecting EBPs





Before beginning any new practice or intervention with a learner, it is important to follow four general planning steps.

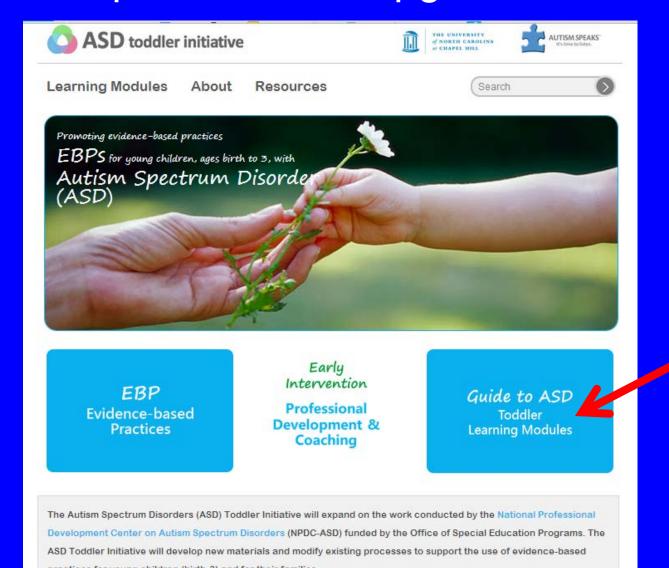
- Identifying the behavior
- Defining the extent of the behavior (collecting baseline data)
- Establishing an observable and measurable goal or outcome
- · Choosing an EBP

#### Identify the behavior or skill

To help you select the best evidence-based practice to use with your student, it is important to identify the target behavior. The target behavior must be observable and clearly defined in the setting where it occurs. All team members should be able to identify the behavior (including its frequency and duration) based on the clarity of the definition of the behavior.

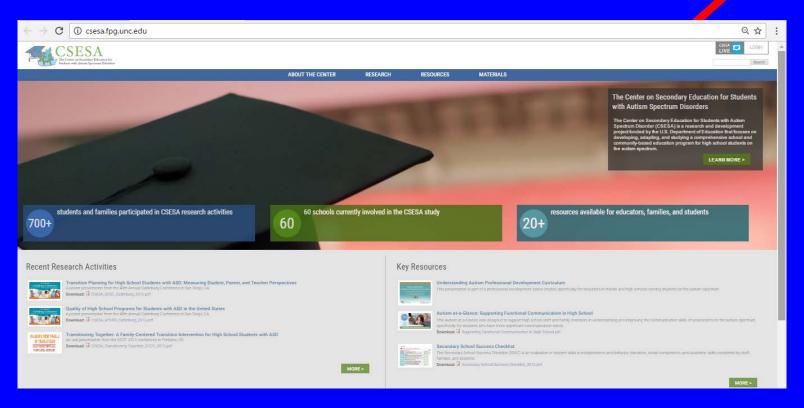


# SELF LEARNING MODULES FOR TODDLERS! NPDC-ASD Early Start Website http://asdtoddler.fpg.unc.edu



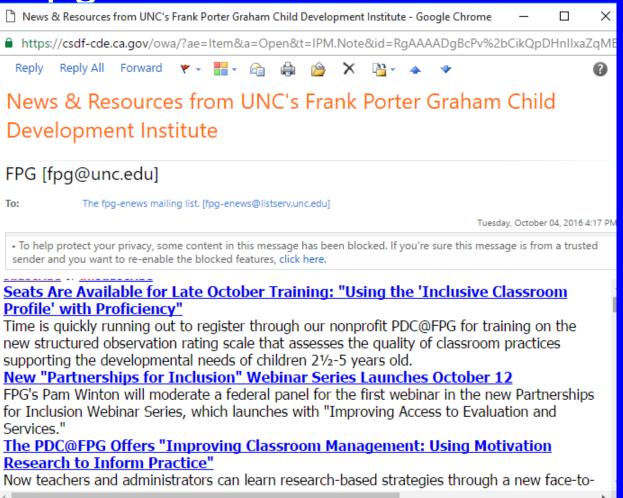
# Another Excellent EBP Resource for Older Individuals with ASD





www.captain.ca.gov http://csesa.fpg.unc.edu

# SUBSCRIBE! Stay Up-To-Date! http://fpg.unc.edu/subscribe-enews





## New Goal Attainment Scaling (GAS) Form

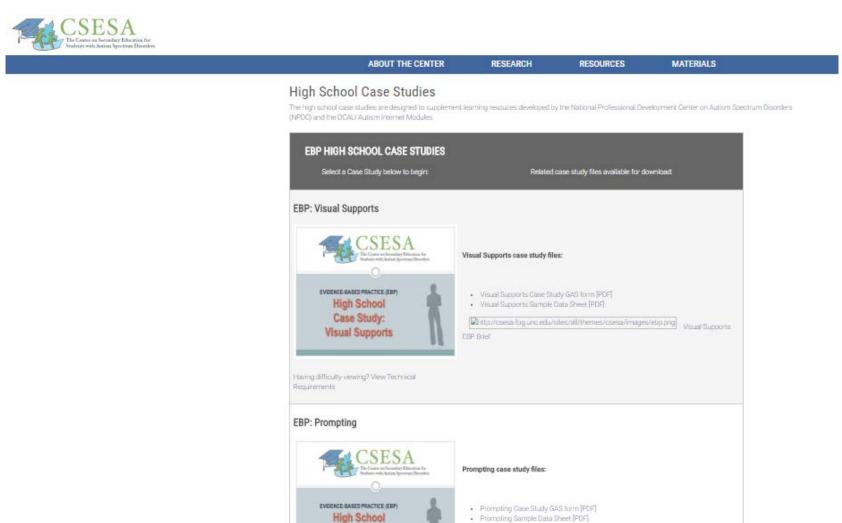
#### Goal Attainment Scaling Form

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1	initial Objective		DATE:								
2	Secondary Objective		DATE:								
8	Annual Goal		DATE:								
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NOTE	NOTES:										
	CSESA		CAPTAIN								

### **Old Goal Attainment Scaling (GAS) Form**

Much More Than Expected (+2)	
More Than Expected (+1)	
Expected Outcome (0)	
Less Than Expected (-1)	
Much Less Than Expected (-2)	

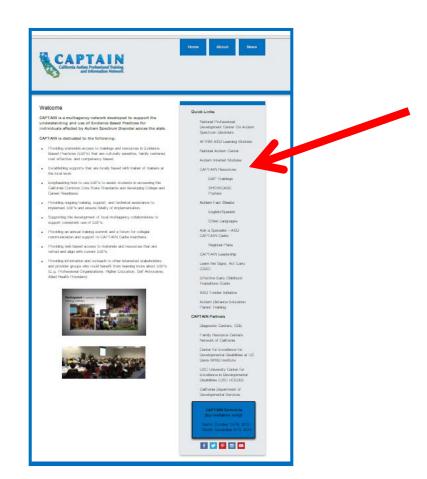
# Want to see examples of how to use the Goal Attainment Scaling (GAS) Form?



http://csesa.fpg.unc.edu/high-school-case-studies

### Yes!

The new Goal Attainment Scale (GAS) form is on the CAPTAIN website in Resources!



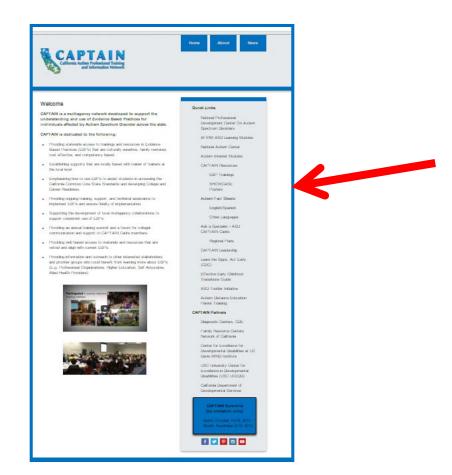
### NPDC Made the EBP Matrix!

### Matrix of Evidence-based Practices by Outcome and Age

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### Yes!

# The new NPDC Matrix is on the CAPTAIN website in Resources!



## An Introductory Letter



Dear Colleague,

The California Autism Professional Training and Information Network (CAPTAIN) is a multiagency network developed to support the understanding and use of Evidence Based Practices (EBPs) for individuals affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder across the state.

One of the goals of CAPTAIN includes, providing information and outreach to interested stakeholder groups who could benefit from learning more about Autism and EBPs.

Given higher education faculty and students are a critical stakeholder in our mission, our local CAPTAIN Cadre Members would like to offer a brief presentation on Autism and Evidence Based Practices to your faculty and/or the future educators/providers who are involved in your preparation programs. The length of the presentation can be adapted to fit the length of your meeting or class. Faculty we have worked with in the past have found the knowledge and clinical expertise presented by our CAPTAIN Cadre Members to be helpful for their own professional development and as a resource to their students.

If you would like more information about CAPTAIN resources or are interested in having one of your local CAPTAIN Cadre Members provide a presentation to faculty or students, please contact autismebp@gmail.com or check out information on our website at www.captain.ca.gov.

Thank you,

CAPTAIN Leadership Team

Yes!
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# State Level Updates Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

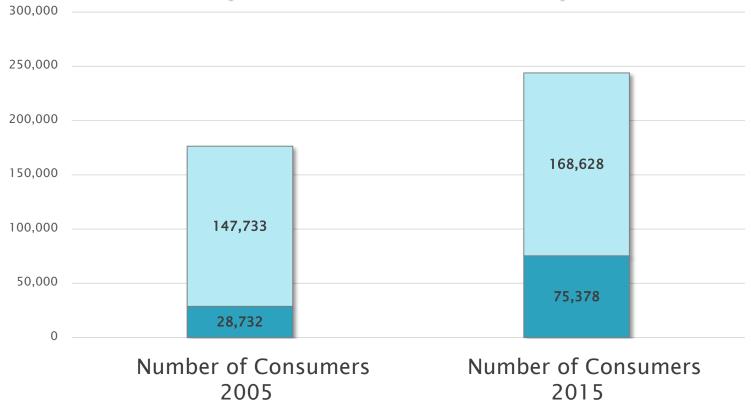
Emily Woolford, Assistant Chief, Early Start & Health Services Section, DDS

Christine Bagley, Community Program Specialist II, DDS, Early Start and Health Services Section

- Autism Caseload Update
- SSIP/ "Take a Minute" Campaign

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (DDS)

# Number of Consumers with Autism January 2005 and January 2015

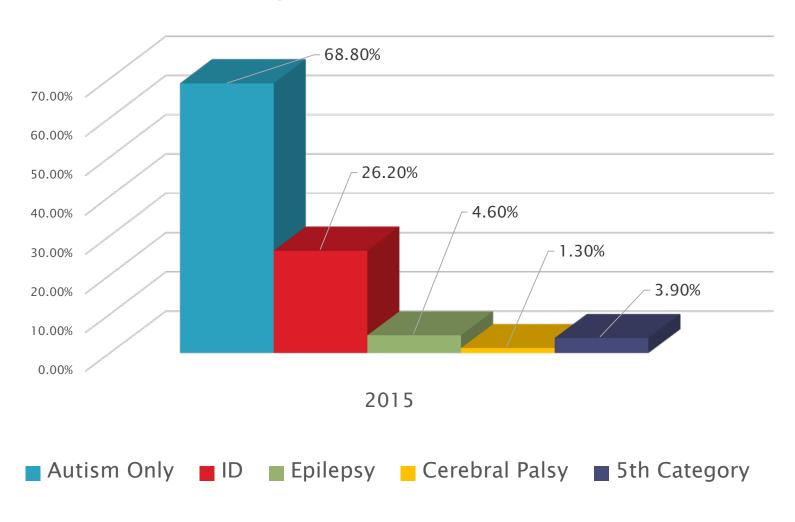


- Does Not Have Autism
- Has Autism

# Number of Consumers with Autism January 2005 and January 2015

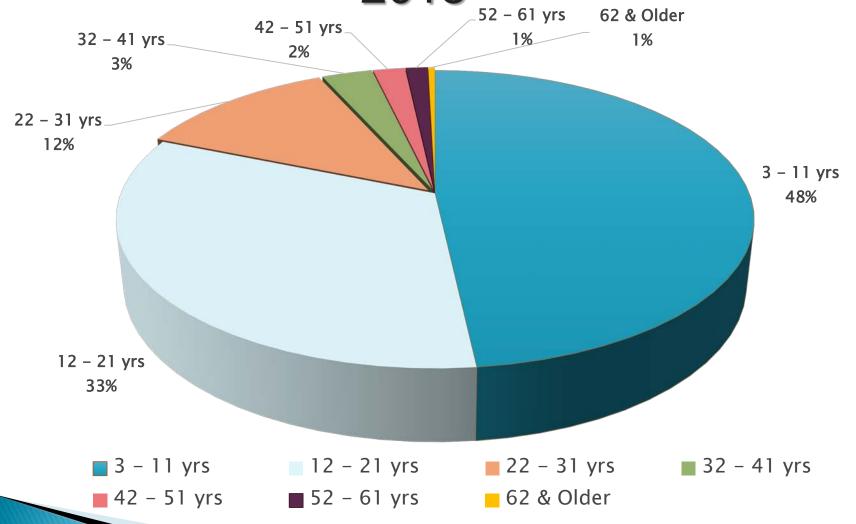
	January	y 2005	January	y 2015			
Has Autism	Number of Consumers	Percentage of Total	Number of Consumers	Percentage of Total			
Yes	28,732	16.3%	75,378	30.9%			
No	147,733	83.7%	168,628	69.1%			
Total Consumers	176,465	100.0%	244,006	100.0%			

### Consumers with Autism and Co-occurring Developmental Disabilities



Total Number of Consumers with Autism 2015: 75,378

# Consumers with Autism by Age Group 2015



# State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

The SSIP is a multi-year, achievable plan to increase the percentage of infants and toddlers with disabilities in California who will substantially increase their rate of growth in positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships) by the time they exit the early intervention program.

# TAKE A MINUTE... Relationships Matter!

- Best Practices Provider Checklist
- Parent Flyer
- Video
- Early Start Online Open Access



http://http://earlystartneighborhood.ning
.com//

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
(CMS)
regulations / rules
for
Home and Community-Based Services

<u>Home and Community-Based Services</u> (HCBS)

Soryl Markowitz, LCSW, Westside Regional Center

## Final Rule

**Transition Funding** 

## Final Rule

- Issued in January, 2014
- State Transition Plans
- Programs funded need to provide service recipients full access to the benefits of community living
- Ensures individuals' rights of privacy, dignity, and respect; Freedom from coercion and restraint
- Services and supports to focus on the nature and quality of individuals' experiences, but optimizing autonomy and independence in making life choices.
- Person Centered Planning
- Programs must be in compliance by March 2019

### Person Centered Planning Community Inclusion & Competitive Integrated Employment

- Services directed by the individual and people they choose
- Includes preferences and plan to achieve goals
- Encompasses the full participation of all people in community life
- Accommodates any person with a disability without restrictions or limitations of any kind
- Work performed by people with disabilities, in an integrated setting, for wages commensurate with non-disabled workers
- Funds available for programs to access to assist in redesigning their services
- Requires that individuals do not remain in segregated settings

### **Self Determination**

Your Life Your Way

### What is Self Determination?

The Self Determination Law was signed by Governor Brown in October, 2013

- \* Allows individuals to choose:
  - \* Services and Supports
  - \* Who provides these services and supports
  - \* Where they are provided
  - \* Requires Person Centered Planning

### Self Determination

- Based on RC spending on the individual in the preceding 12 months
- \* In the first 3 years limits participants to a total of 2500 statewide
- Each RC given a specific allotment based on total number of clients
- \* After 3 years anyone can join
- \* Eliminates RC restrictions due to regulation

(Government Accountability Office)

Ann England

GAO	United States Government Accountability Office Report to Congressional Requesters
October 2016	YOUTH WITH AUTISM
	Roundtable Views of Services Needed During the Transition into Adulthood

http://www.gao.gov/products/D14984

GAO-17-109

(Government Accountability Office)

- About what?
  - Services Needed During the Transition into Adulthood for Youth with ASD
- Why did they do this study?
  - About a half a million youth with ASD will enter adulthood over the next decade. As they exit high school, they must obtain services as adults.
- What did the GAO study?
  - 1. the services and supports transitioning youth with ASD need to attain their goals for adulthood
  - 2. the characteristics of these services and supports
  - 3. how youth with ASD can be fully integrated into society

- What are the 5 goals ASD youth need?
  - 1. Education
  - 2. Employment
  - 3. Maximizing independent living
  - 4. Health and safety
  - 5. Maximizing community integration

What are the 14 service categories?

Key Services Needed to Support Transitioning Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder		
Behavioral interventions	Mental health care	
Case management/ coordination	Postsecondary education planning and supports	
Communication services	Residential supports	
Day programming	Social supports	
Family Education and Supports	Transition Planning Services	
Life Skills Education and Experience	Transportation Supports	
Medical care	Vocational supports	

Source: GAO analysis of roundtable discussion. | GAO-17-109

- What do services need to be?
  - timely and individualized services that address the variation in autism characteristics and any changes over a person's lifetime
  - equitable access to services regardless of their race, gender, family income, or location.
  - services within youths' local communities in order to foster access and community involvement
  - services should be evidence-based and more research into program efficacy is needed

- How do we improve the ability of youth with ASD to fully integrate into society?
  - Panel cited the need for a new approach to providing supports and better public understanding of autism (e.g., approach would place a shared responsibility for inclusion on both society and youth with ASD)
    - For example, youth with ASD should learn workplace social expectations and meet them to the extent they can, but employers should also recognize that some social rules (i.e., expecting individuals to smile) can be difficult for some individuals with ASD

### Supreme Court Considers How Schools Support Students With Disabilities January 11, 2017

- This case is described as the most important case involving public school special education in three decades.
- Stanford Law professor Jeffrey Fisher, is representing a boy with ASD from Colorado and his parents.
- The Question: "What is the level of educational benefit that school districts must confer on children with disabilities to provide them with the free appropriate public education (FAPE) guaranteed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)?"



# Supreme Court Considers How Schools Support Students With Disabilities January 11, 2017

- A key ambiguity in the law is what qualifies as an "appropriate" education.
- At issue is whether federal law requires public schools to provide more than the bare minimum in special services for children with disabilities
- It now falls on the justices to decide whether to endorse the 10th circuit's minimal standard for educational equality for disabled students or to articulate a higher standard.

## Hot Topics in Research

Jessica Surheinrich, Assistant Professor of Education, San Diego State University

# Long-term Effects of Parent Provided Early Intervention

 Parent mediated early intervention has demonstrated short-term effects on child outcomes

- Joint engagement
- Social communication
- Symbolic play
- Social imitation

 Until now only a handful of small studies have evaluated longer term outcomes



# Long-term Effects of Parent Provided Early Intervention

Parent-mediated social communication therapy for young children with autism (PACT): long-term follow-up of a randomized controlled trial (Pickles et al., 2016)

- Parent Autism Communication Trial (PACT)
- Follow-up evaluation 5 years after the intervention ended
- Results show differences in
  - ASD severity
  - Child initiations toward parents

### Peer-mediated intervention

A systematic review of peer-mediated interventions for children with autism spectrum disorder (Chang & Locke, 2016)

- Peer mediated interventions (PMI) involve training peers in behavioral and social strategies ton engage children with ASD.
- Reviewed studies with experimental group designs
  - 5 studies
  - Children ages 3-17
  - School and camp settings
- Significant increases in social outcomes in 4 of the 5 studies



### Rethinking Sustainability

# Intervention -Components -Practitioners -Outcomes -Components -Practitioners -Outcomes -Components -Components -Corganizational Culture Regulations -Population Characteristics -Population Characteristics

Adapted from Chambers, Glasgow & St

### Take Aways

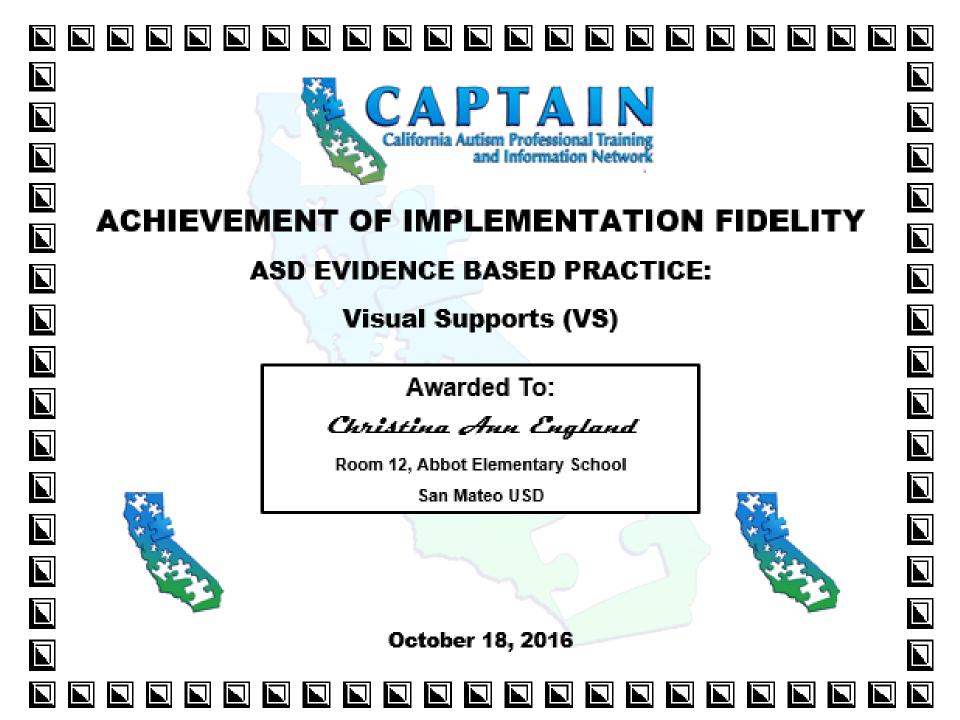
- Increased focus on parent training (not just providing information but skill-building)
- Encouraging findings for the effectiveness of PMI in "real-world" group settings
- Growing understanding of organizational and system factors affecting EBP use



# CAPTAIN EBP Implementation Award

- CAPTAIN Cadre Members will notify CAPTAIN Leadership using the award form on CAPTAIN website
- CAPTAIN Leadership will send a "CAPTAIN Implementation Award" back to the Cadre member who will forward the award to the individual and also makes sure the SELPA Director, Principal, etc. are informed

 Award will be announced via CAPTAIN Social Media platforms and announced each year at the Summits during "Hot Topics/What's New in ASD"



# CAPTAIN EBP Implementation Nomination Form



Yes!
It's on the
CAPTAIN
website in
Resources!



# SPARK

Igniting autism research Improving lives

Samantha Thompson

SPARK Project Coordinator

UC Davis MIND Institute

### What is SPARK?

# Speed up research and advance our understanding of autism to help improve

lives

- Shape the future of autism research and treatments
- 50,000 participants
- 21 clinical sites

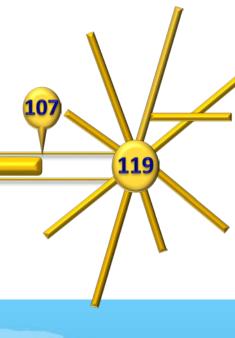


# A landmark autism research project



- Greater need than ever before
- Hundreds of genetic conditions could play a role in autism
- Advances in available treatments
- Improved quality of life

### **HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!**







# How you can help SPARK

**MAILINGS** 

WEBSITE LINKS

**EVENTS** 

RECRUITMENT MATERIALS

EMAIL INVITATIONS

SOCIAL MEDIA

**NEWSLETTERS** 







UC Davis MIND Institute 2825 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817

You've been invited by the **UC Davis MIND Institute** to register with SPARK, a large, online research partnership that seeks to improve the lives of people with autism through research. You can register online at <a href="https://www.SPARKforAutism.org/ucd">www.SPARKforAutism.org/ucd</a>. The UC Davis MIND Institute is one of a network of clinical sites—autism centers and research institutions—that SPARK has partnered with across the country.

You are receiving this mailing <u>directly</u> from the Valley Mountain Regional Center who would like to invite you to participate in the SPARK Initiative. Valley Mountain Regional Center continues to protect and safeguard your privacy, and SPARK has no access to your personal information without your consent.

#### To register for SPARK:

- Go to www.sparkforautism.org/ucd
- If you have already received an email invitation, be sure to register using the email address that
  this invitation email was sent to

Registration takes about 20-30 minutes, and we'd love to have you on board. As part of your participation in SPARK, we ask that you register and complete a few questionnaires online, and provide a saliva sample using a saliva collection kit that will be shipped directly to your home. Find out more about what's involved on our SPARK FAQ page: <a href="https://sparkforautism.org/portal/page/faqs/">https://sparkforautism.org/portal/page/faqs/</a>

Together, we can improve lives by helping to accelerate research. SPARK sincerely appreciates your time, effort and participation in this landmark research initiative, and we look forward to learning more together!

Sincerely,

Leonard Glibeluto

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Can research really change the future of autism?

You can SPARK research with one click.



- SPARK is a free online study with a simple mission: to speed up research and advance the understanding of autism
- SPARK aims to be the largest study of its kind with the goal of building a community of 50,000 individuals with autism and their families across the nation
- The entire autism community is encouraged to participate, including adults and children diagnosed with autism, as well as their biological parents and siblings
- By dramatically increasing the number of research participants, SPARK aims to help facilitate research that has not yet been possible

An important part of SPARK is the collection of DNA so it can be analyzed to expand our understanding of the role of specific genes in the development of autism. SPARK will ask you to share basic information about your medical and family history, and if you choose, a DNA sample using a saliva collection list.

SPARK is sponsored by the Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI), a scientific initiative of the Simons Foundation.

#### Why Participate in SPARK?

While we are making significant progress learning about autism, we simply don't know enough. By joining SPARK, you're helping accelerate research to find causes and treatments for autism.

Additionally, you may qualify to receive:

- Updates on the latest research
- Access to experts who will arm you with information to help address daily situations
- Results from the analysis of your or your family's DNA, in the event that you opt to receive this information and a genetic cause for autism is identified.
- Individuals with autism will receive gift cards valued at up to a total of \$50 for participation

#### Register for SPARK Today

To learn more about SPARK and register online via a secure portal, visit www.SPARKforAutism.org/UCD. All data provided to SPARK will be stored without any identifying information and kept confidential.

#### What to Expect After Registration

After you register, a saliva kit will be shipped directly to your home with clear instructions for collection and return shipping. The kit includes a tube for collecting saliva, as well as an absorbent sponge that can be used for any child who is not able to spit. If you prefer, you can provide a saliva sample in-person by scheduling an appointment at your local clinical site or hospital porticipating in SPARK.

#### **Registration** Process

Register at SPARKforAutism.org/UCD







Share family history, behavioral and medical information

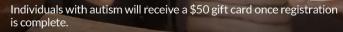


Consent to provide a saliva sample



Provide saliva DNA sample(s)





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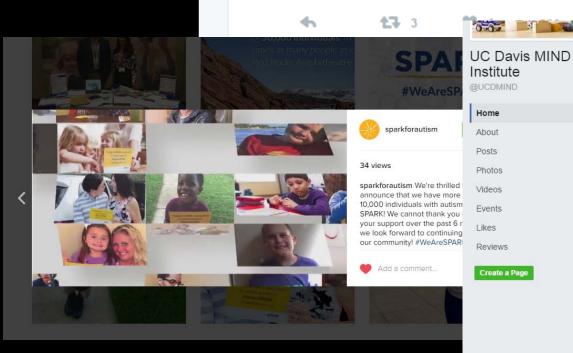
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